

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

7:00 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Boeglin, Sparrow, Kays, and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Belcher and City Attorney Schneider. Member Majors was absent.

Mayor Belcher called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Boeglin and carried to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2011 meeting with the correction of the spelling of Piggott, AR.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Boeglin and carried to approve the claims as presented.

Susan Harrington of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management was present to give background on the Clean Community Challenge. It was noted that favorable points could be gained when applying for grants as a result of following the CLEAN initiative. A proposed resolution was presented containing the Comprehensive Local Environmental Action Network (CLEAN) mission statement.

A motion was made by Kays, seconded by Boeglin, and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2011-20 entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-20

Resolution No. 2011-20 was passed by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 1 Absent(Majors)

Utilities Superintendent Traylor presented an updated copy of equipment charges to be used to bill for use. Attorney Schneider will take the list and put it into ordinance form to be considered at a future Council meeting.

Travis McQueen, Huntingburg Airport Manager, presented the 2012 proposed budget estimate of the Dubois County Airport Authority. He estimated a 2.14% increase in the General Budget.

A motion was made by Boeglin, seconded by Kays and carried to approve the Dubois County Airport Authority 2012 budget estimate as presented.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel indicated that the budget hearing dates need to be set and the budget estimate published. Dippel explained the estimate contained a low assessed value and higher rates than will likely be so the City will not lose revenue due to not publishing a rate high enough. He suggested the dates of October 6, 2011 for the 1st budget hearing and October 18, 2011 for the 2nd hearing and adoption.

Member Kays indicated that he thinks the Council should be involved in the budget process earlier.

A motion was made by Kays, seconded by Boeglin and carried to have budget meetings.

A motion was made by Boeglin, seconded by Kays and carried to approve the budget estimate as presented and set the dates for the budget hearings for October 6, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. for the 1st hearing and October 18, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. for the 2nd hearing and adoption both in the Council chambers of Huntingburg City Hall.

Utilities Superintendent Traylor presented his monthly report. He also presented the "Huntingburg, Indiana Up Rating Plan 2011" for the City of Huntingburg Gas high pressure feeder pipeline distribution system.

Traylor noted that a public meeting will be held on August 23, 2011 to open quotes for a Water Utility dump truck.

Traylor noted that he has hired a new part-time person.

Traylor informed the Council that he has discussed the Park Department and the Street Department adding \$1.00 per hour in their 2012 budgets to cover the costs of Kim Howe who is currently doing work for these departments. He is proposing to take Howe's wages up \$2.00 per hour.


Traylor requested consideration of a new position, Assistant Utilities Superintendent, with a suggested salary of \$1,020.00 per week. He indicated that he needs someone to do a lot of the paperwork and to keep up on regulations. He noted that a like position was eliminated previously but indicated that there is a need for it. There was discussion on the funding of the position.

Jeff Summers asked if there was a city ordinance or state law that says how many meetings an elected official can miss before being replaced on the Council and do they still get paid even if they don't come to meetings.

The Mayor answered yes they do still get paid and there is no state statute on how many meetings they can miss.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Summers, seconded by Boeglin and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 o'clock P.M.


Marvin R. Belcher
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer